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Minnesota Congresswoman Betty McCollum on Wednesday introduced a bill that aims to transform the way the federal government deals with the charitable nonprofit community in the United States. The government, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits executive director Jon Pratt said, has long ignored the nonprofit sector, which, he said, employs 10 percent of America's workforce. McCollum's legislation would provide a way for Minnesota to have access to nationwide data concerning economic performance to help nonprofits and policymakers establish better partnerships to serve area communities. Nonprofits play an important role in cities and towns everywhere and this bill could go a long way in bolstering the partnership between government and nonprofits to better deliver vital services, enhance accountability and, hopefully, save taxpayers money.